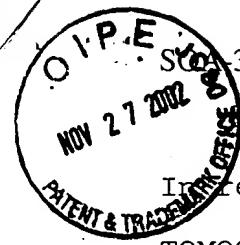


PATENT APPLICATION



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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in full and timely response to the Office Action mailed August 28, 2002. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as shown below in clean form.
The marked-up version of the specification is appended hereto.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 13, with the following new paragraph:

Electron emissions in FEDs require a low internal pressure and that they be contaminant-free to avoid serious problems, such as pressure degradation, emission current degradation, and/or plasma generation or ionization which can lead to non-uniform brightness of the display, decrease display efficiency, and/or shortening of the working life of the display.

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